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Visual Description: Unit Introduction

Key Points

This unit covers ICS facilities.



Unit Objectives

- Describe the six basic ICS facilities.
- Identify facilities that may be located together.
- Identify facility map symbols.



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Visual 6.2

Visual Description: Unit Objectives

Key Points

By the end of this unit, you should be able to:

- Describe the six basic ICS facilities.
- Identify facilities that may be located together.
- Identify facility map symbols.



Predesignated Incident Facilities

Incident facilities are:

- Established by the Incident Commander depending on the requirements and complexity of the incident or event.
- Activated only when needed. Some incidents may require facilities not included on the standard list.



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Visual 6.3

Visual Description: Predesignated Incident Facilities

Key Points

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- Activated only when needed. Some incidents may require facilities not included on the standard list.



Incident Facilities: Incident Command Post



Symbol

Incident Command Post (ICP):

- Is the location from which the Incident Commander oversees all incident operations.
- May change locations during the event.
- May be located in a vehicle, trailer, tent, or within a building.
- Should be positioned outside of the present and potential hazard zone but close enough to the incident to maintain command.

Every incident must have some form of an Incident Command Post.

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Visual 6.4

Visual Description: Incident Facilities: Incident Command Post

Key Points

Note the following points about the Incident Command Post.

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- May be located in a vehicle, trailer, tent, or within a building.
- Should be positioned outside of the present and potential hazard zone but close enough to the incident to maintain command.

Every incident must have some form of an Incident Command Post. There is generally only one ICP for each incident or event. The ICP will be designated by the name of the incident (e.g., Trail Creek ICP).



List considerations that are important when deciding where to locate the Incident Command Post.



Incident Facilities: Staging Area



Symbol

Staging Areas:

- Are temporary locations at an incident where personnel and equipment are kept while waiting for tactical assignments. The resources in the Staging Area are always in available status. There may be more than one Staging Area at an incident.
- Should be located close enough to the incident for a timely response, but far enough away to be out of the immediate impact zone.
- May be collocated with the ICP, Bases, Camps, Helibases, or Helispots.

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Visual 6.5

Visual Description: Incident Facilities: Staging Area

Key Points

Note the following points about Staging Areas.

Staging Areas:

- Are temporary locations at an incident where personnel and equipment are kept while waiting for tactical assignments. There may be more than one Staging Area at an incident.
- Should be located close enough to the incident for a timely response, but far enough away to be out of the immediate impact zone.
- May be collocated with the ICP, Bases, Camps, Helibases, or Helispots.

Note: Resources in the Staging Area are always in available status. Therefore, resources that are resting or sleeping would NOT be in the Staging Area.



Incident Facilities: Base



Symbol

Base:

- Is the location from which primary logistics and administrative functions are coordinated and administered. There is only one Base per incident, and it is designated by the incident name.
- May be collocated with the Incident Command Post.
- Is established and managed by the Logistics Section. The resources in the Base are always out of service.

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Visual 6.6

Visual Description: Incident Facilities: Base

Key Points

Note the following points about the Base.

The Base:

- Is the location from which primary logistics and administrative functions are coordinated and administered. There is only one Base per incident, and it is designated by the incident name.
- May be collocated with the Incident Command Post.
- Is established and managed by the Logistics Section.

Note: Resources in the Base are always out of service.



Incident Facilities: Camps



Symbol

Camps:

- Are where resources may be kept to support incident operations if a Base is not accessible to all resources. Multiple Camps may be used, but not all incidents will have Camps.
- Are temporary locations within the general incident area that are equipped and staffed to provide food, water, sleeping areas, and sanitary services.
- Are designated by geographic location or number.

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Visual 6.7

Visual Description: Incident Facilities: Camps

Key Points

Note the following points about Camps.

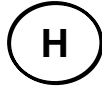
Camps:

- Are where resources may be kept to support incident operations if a Base is not accessible to all resources. Multiple Camps may be used, but not all incidents will have Camps.
- Are temporary locations within the general incident area that are equipped and staffed to provide food, water, sleeping areas, and sanitary services.
- Are designated by geographic location or number.

Not all incidents have camps. A hotel or feeding area can be a camp. A camp does not have to be a location with tents.



Incident Facilities: Helibase/Helispots



- A Helibase is the location from which helicopter-centered air operations are conducted. Helibases are generally used on a more long-term basis and include such services as fueling and maintenance.



Symbols

- Helispots are more temporary locations at the incident, where helicopters can safely land and take off. Multiple Helispots may be used.



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Visual 6.8

Visual Description: Incident Facilities: Helibase/Helispots

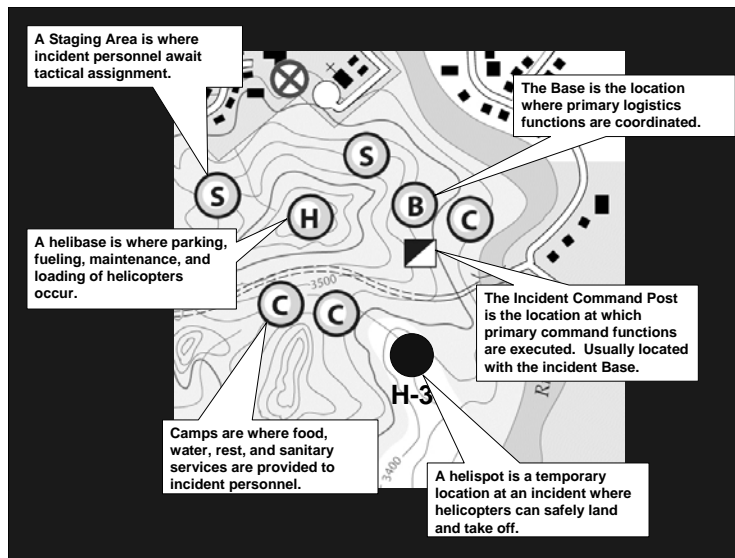
Key Points

Note the following Incident Facilities points:

- A Helibase is the location from which helicopter-centered air operations are conducted. Helibases are generally used on a more long-term basis and include such services as fueling and maintenance.
- Helispots are more temporary locations at the incident, where helicopters can safely land and take off. Multiple Helispots may be used.

Topic

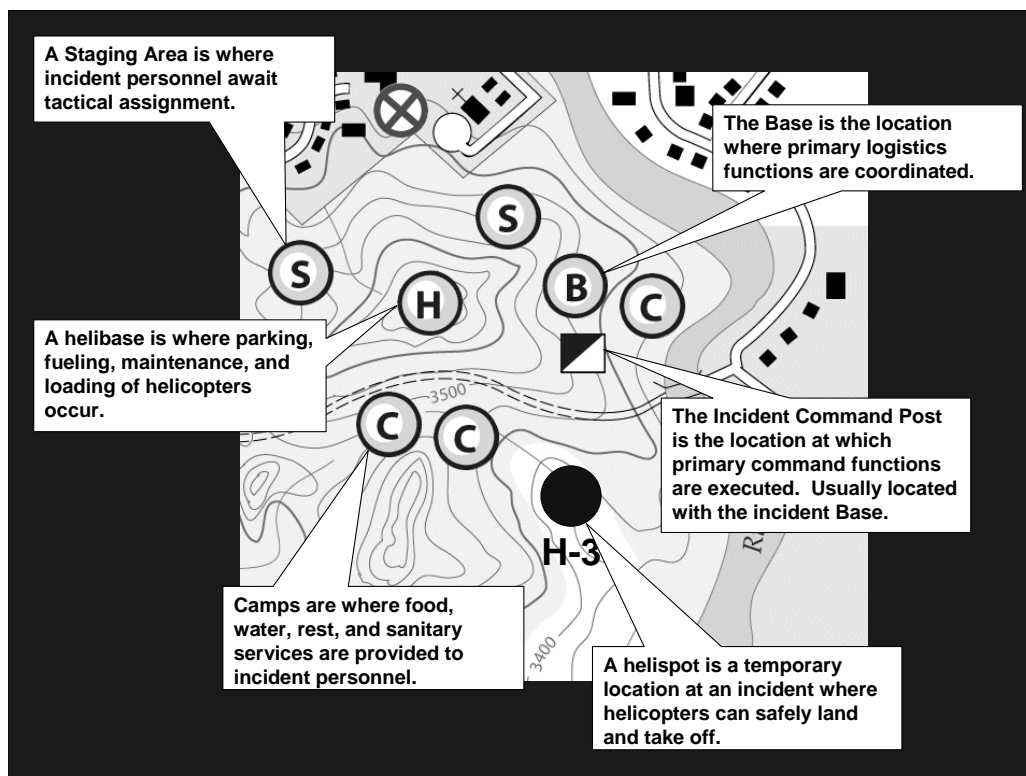
Incident Facilities: Review



Visual Description: Incident Facilities Map

Key Points

Review the following summary of incident facilities:





Knowledge Review (1 of 6)

Instructions: Answer the question below.

Where would you find
search and rescue teams
that are awaiting tactical
assignments?

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Visual 6.10

Visual Description: Where would you find search and rescue teams who are awaiting tactical assignments?

Key Points

Answer the question below:



Where would you find search and rescue teams that are awaiting tactical assignments?



Knowledge Review (2 of 6)

Instructions: Answer the question below.

You are working at an incident in a remote area. A facility has been set up to provide you and other responders with water, food, and areas to nap. What is the ICS term for this facility?

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Visual 6.11

Visual Description: You are working at an incident in a remote area. A facility has been set up to provide you and other responders with water, food, and areas to nap. What is the ICS term for this facility?

Key Points

Read the scenario and answer the question below:

You are working at an incident in a remote area. A facility has been set up to provide you and other responders with water, food, and areas to nap.



What is the ICS term for this facility?



Knowledge Review (3 of 6)

Instructions: Answer the question below.

You need to deliver something to the Incident Commander. What is the name of the location from which the Incident Commander oversees incident operations?

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Visual 6.12

Visual Description: You need to deliver something to the Incident Commander. What is the name of the location from which the Incident Commander oversees incident operations?

Key Points

Read the scenario and answer the question below:

You need to deliver something to the Incident Commander.



What is the name of the location from which the Incident Commander oversees incident operations?



Knowledge Review (4 of 6)

Instructions: Answer the question below.

You need to refuel a helicopter that is being used to transport incident personnel. What incident facility would you go to?

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Visual 6.13

Visual Description: You need to refuel a helicopter that is being used to transport incident personnel. What incident facility would you go to?

Key Points

Read the scenario and answer the question below:

You need to refuel a helicopter that is being used to transport incident personnel.



What incident facility would you go to?



Knowledge Review (5 of 6)

Instructions: Answer the question below.

You need to copy some maps and submit an order for supplies. What incident facility would you go to?

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Visual 6.14

Visual Description: You need to copy some maps and submit an order for supplies. What incident facility would you go to?

Key Points

Read the scenario and answer the question below:

You need to copy some maps and submit an order for supplies.



What incident facility would you go to?



Knowledge Review (6 of 6)

Instructions: Answer the question below.

What is the name of the temporary ICS facility where helicopters can land and take off?

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Visual 6.15

Visual Description: What is the name of the temporary ICS facility where helicopters can land and take off?

Key Points

Answer the question below:



What is the name of the temporary ICS facility where helicopters can land and take off?

Topic

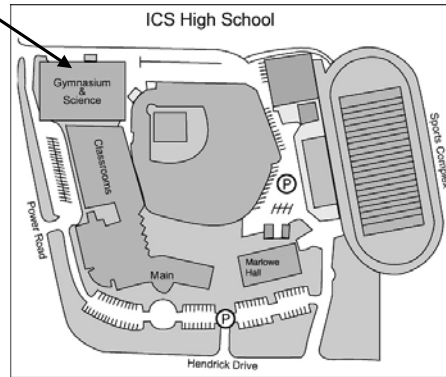
Activity: Locate the ICS Facilities

**Activity: Locate the ICS Facilities**

Severe weather caused the collapse of the school gymnasium.

More than 50 students are critically injured. Numerous resources are on scene or have been dispatched including MedEvac helicopters.

It is projected that the operations will continue for at least the next 15 hours.



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Visual 6.16

Visual Description: Activity: Locate the ICS Facilities

Key Points**Review the following scenario:**

- Severe weather caused the collapse of the school gymnasium.
- More than 50 students are critically injured. Numerous resources are on scene or have been dispatched including MedEvac helicopters.
- It is projected that the operations will continue for at least the next 15 hours.

Instructions: Follow the steps below to complete this activity:

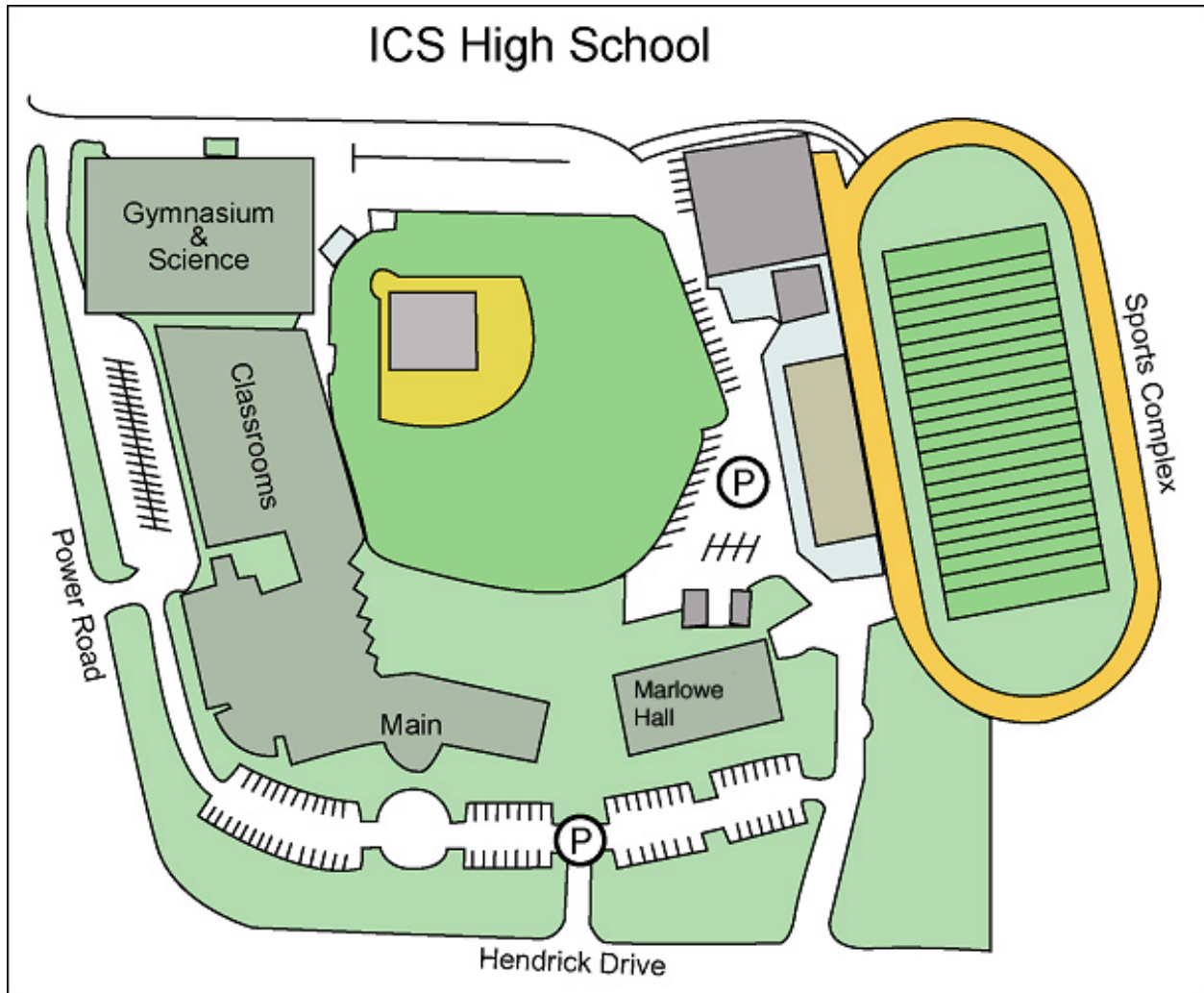
1. Work as a team to review the scenario presented.
1. Determine which ICS facilities are required.
2. Indicate where the ICS facilities will be located on the larger version of the map. (See the next page.)
3. Select a spokesperson for your group and be prepared to present in 5 minutes.



Determine which ICS facilities are required. (Write these on chart paper.)



Indicate where the ICS facilities will be located. (Write these on chart paper.)





Summary

Do you know how to:

- Describe the six basic ICS facilities?
- Identify facilities that may be located together?
- Identify facility map symbols?

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Visual 6.17

Visual Description: Summary

Key Points

Are you now able to:

- Describe the six basic ICS facilities?
- Identify facilities that may be located together?
- Identify facility map symbols?

The next unit will review common responsibilities.